



## The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY  
AND HEALTH

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FROM:

HAZEL R. O'LEARY

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hazel R. O'Leary", is written over the printed name.

SUBJECT:

Implementation of Executive Order 12856, "Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements"

Executive Order 12856, signed by the President of the United States on August 3, 1993, requires the Department of Energy to prevent pollution resulting from department activities and facility operations and to ensure compliance with pollution prevention and emergency planning and community right-to-know laws. The pollution prevention mandate set forth in this Executive Order is an essential priority for the Department of Energy, consistent with our core values. The department has a leadership role and responsibility to improve the quality of the environment through the development and use of processes and technologies to eliminate or reduce the generation of pollution. To that end, we are fully committed to pollution prevention as a fundamental component of the department's program planning and decision-making.

Executive Order 12856 broadens and makes mandatory the major provisions of the September 22, 1992, Secretarial Memorandum "Department of Energy (DOE) Participation in the 33/50 Pollution Prevention Program and Voluntary DOE Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting" by requiring compliance with those provisions established pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA); the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (PPA); and all implementing regulations issued pursuant to PPA and EPCRA.

Under Executive Order 12856, the Department is committed to pursuing specific activities and tasks. These commitments and the assignment of responsibilities to meet these commitments are presented in the attachment to this memorandum. Please ensure that all of these commitments are met. The Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health will provide me with regular updates on the Department's compliance.

Attachment